

UNIVERSITY SOPHS TORMENT FRESHIES

Unsuspecting Lower Class-
men Made to Do Stunts.

HIGH JINKS OVER TOWN

Victims, Among Other Things, Made
to Go Swimming in Public
Water Tank.

Green Fruit for Freshmen

Washington, D. C., Oct. 4, 1905.
Dear Fellow-Student: You are very urgently requested to be present at a meeting of the freshmen classes of the university, which is to be held for the purpose of organizing a "University Freshmen Society," such as have been organized in other schools and colleges.
The object of such a society is to look after and advance the interests of the freshmen classes, which are, as is well known, looked upon with more or less disdain by the upper classes. Such an organization will serve to consolidate the entire freshman body of the university and make it a strong factor in the life of the school, besides insuring the first year men a degree of safety from the insults and attacks of the upper classes, which former freshmen have not enjoyed.
In order that the sophomores may not get knowledge of this meeting, the strictest secrecy is enjoined upon you. Refrain from discussing the matter about the school buildings. The meeting will be held in Hall 1 of the Medical Building, on H street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, at 8 p. m., Thursday, October 5, 1905.
Give to the doorkeeper as the password the initials of the words University Freshmen Society, that is, "U. F. S." This will be required to keep outsiders out of the building on that night. Very sincerely yours,
H. A. BELLows,
First Year Law Class.

The above is a facsimile of the bait that was so eagerly swallowed by a large number of aspiring freshmen of the George Washington University last night. In their youthful exuberance they eagerly embraced the idea advanced by H. A. Bellows (Hot Air Bellows) for the advancement of all innocent "freshies," and a number were on hand long before the time set for the meeting. The early arrivals stood about separately in a mysterious manner, each suspecting the other of being a "soph," until the upper classmen thought it time to take the crowd into custody and begin the first performance of the "Great Freshie Foolish Show."

"Rats" Rounded Up.
The "soph," who had been secreted about the neighborhood, then advanced upon the unsuspecting "rats," and after a short scrimmage, bound them hand and foot. All of the "freshies" were not so easy, several making a break down the street for liberty. The "soph," however, had been well coached for just such an emergency, and six of the fleetest runners in the class, who had been previously appointed, soon ran the fleeing students down and brought them back to share the captivity of their fellow-classmen.

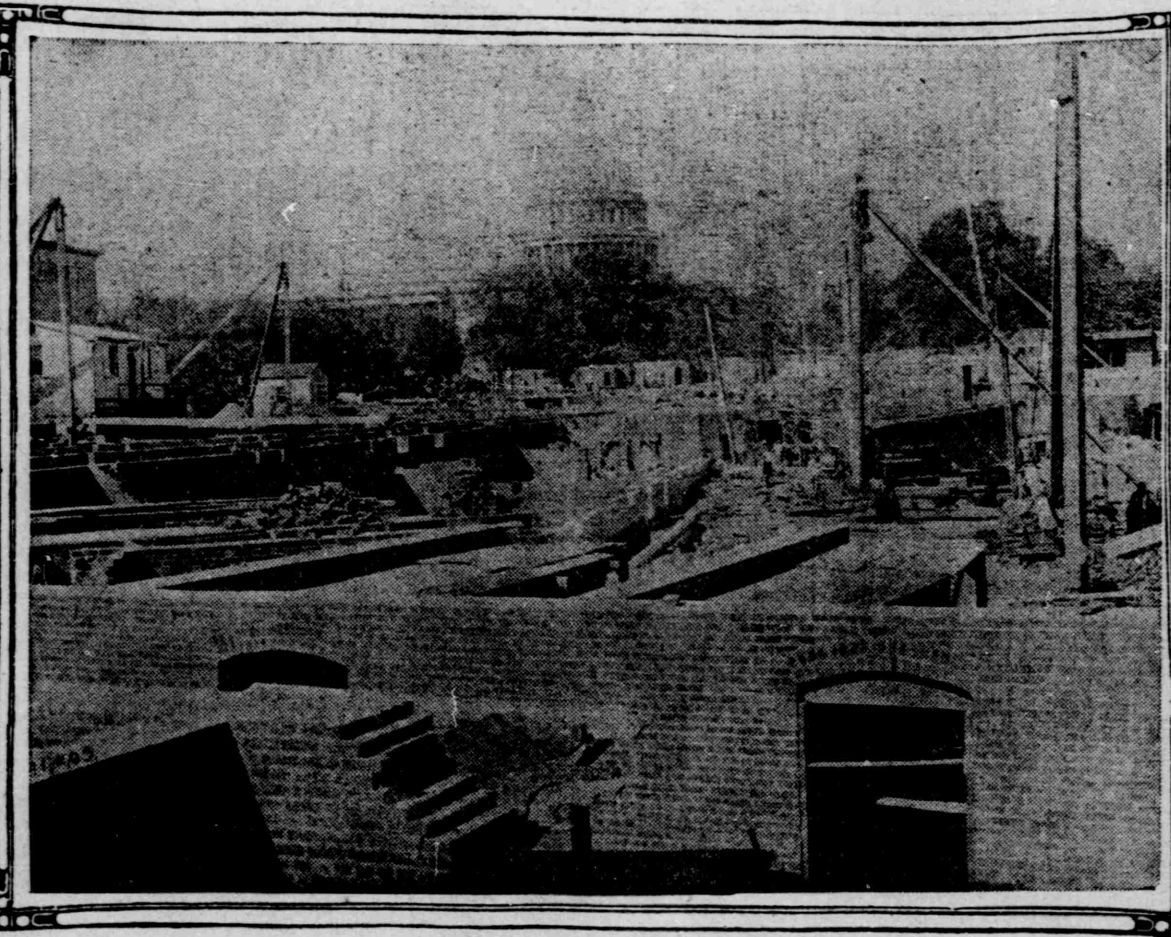
One of the escaping freshmen was a harder proposition than the others, and had to be chased clear to Fifteenth street, where he boarded a car. His relentless pursuers were equal to the occasion though, and after making a desperate sprint, overhauled the car and pulled the hapless student to the street, where he was bound hand and foot.

When all of the lower classmen had been safely corralled they were made to turn their hats and coats wrong side out, and with a long string of hemp securely tied to one leg and arm of each to prevent any possibility of escape, they were marched downtown to furnish fun not only for their captors, but for anyone passing who happened to stop and express a desire to see a performance of the "only thoroughly trained troupe of university clowns in the country."

After marching along the streets where the most pedestrians were to be seen, the "freshies" were halted in the street near the new Times building, and there put through their paces.

Impromptu Monologues.
Securing an impromptu stage, the youngsters were made to mount it, one by one, and relate the story of their lives. When each had told the touch-

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PLANS NOW COMPLETE FOR BANKERS' MEETING

Local Committee Has Everything in Readiness for Entertainment of Several Thousand Men of Finance Expected in Washington.

The local committee of the American Bankers' Association is in a quandary because of the lack of a speaker to address the convention in behalf of the Administration. They have been unable to secure either Secretary Bonaparte or the President.

President Roosevelt declined because he was to give a reception at the White House, and to address the convention would be overdoing things. Both Secretary Bonaparte and Secretary Taft will be away during the convention. William A. Mearns, chairman of the banquet committee, announced today that about one hundred guests would be present at the dinner at the New Willard on Monday night. Acceptances of the invitations have been arriving since Saturday and are still coming in.

The subject of the address of F. A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, which will be the

principal speech of the convention, is "The Business Outlook of the United States."

"The house is prepared and the bridegroom is awaited," said Vice Chairman Milton E. Alles of the reception committee of the American Bankers' Association this morning.
"The program has been completed in detail and officially adopted. Everything is in readiness for the entertainment of the wealthiest aggregation of men ever assembled in the Capital City."
"Of the 2,500 guests expected at the convention, 2,000 have already engaged rooms at the local hotels. The demand for rooms has forced up the prices high. Chairman William A. Mearns of the banquet committee reported his preparations complete, and added that acceptance were beginning to arrive in large numbers.
The influx of delegates will begin on Sunday. Guides will be on hand to meet the visitors at both railroad stations.

ing history of his short life, the whole crowd was forced to stand up in a prominent place and sing songs, dance, and do numerous other stunts for the benefit of a large crowd.
Tiring of this sport the "soph" marched the first year students to the fountain at Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, where they were made to give an exhibition of their swimming accomplishments in a 45 inch bowl.
When the aquatic sport was over the "freshies," after being made to almost awaken the dead with cheers and shouts to the everlasting glory of the "sophomore class and George Washington University," were released. Nearly all of them took the sport good-naturedly and departed without any ill feeling toward their persecutors.
The most interesting part of the program as arranged by the "soph" had to be omitted for divers reasons. This was to take the prisoners down to the White Lot, and there make them do all sorts of stunts.
The action of the Georgetown University faculty in denouncing semi-profraternization and prohibiting such methods at the university is a move in the right direction. While it is expected that the showing of the football team this year will fall short of that of the past few years, the Blue and Gray governing board would rather lose than win by any other than fair methods. Would that some other colleges would take the same action, and then there would not be so much unfavorable comment going the rounds.—Bob Dunbar in Boston Journal.

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GEORGETOWN CHURCHES UNITE IN BIG SOCIETY

A meeting of delegates from the young people's societies of all the Protestant churches in Georgetown will be held at the West Street Presbyterian Church, P street near Thirty-first, at 7:45 o'clock this evening. Twelve congregations will be represented at the gathering.
The purpose of the meeting is to form an inter-denominational organization, which shall have for its objects the promotion of Christian unity and the encouragement of a community spirit that shall make for high civic ideals. Officers will be elected tonight.

CONDITION OF BELMONT CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—At the Memorial Hospital it was stated this morning that the condition of August Belmont, the well-known financier, who was operated upon yesterday for appendicitis, was good.
The patient, however, passed a rather restless night, but this was expected by the physicians in attendance, considering the nature of the operation.

TWO HORSES CREMATED IN A STABLE FIRE

Two horses were cremated and several hundred dollars' damage done to houses and sheds near Eleventh and S streets northwest by fire which is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in the rear of Robert & Lewis' junk shop, 1804 Eleventh street northwest, about 6:45 o'clock this morning.
The flames are said to have started in the yard back of the junk shop, where there were piles of rags and paper, as well as a quantity of brass, iron, lead, zinc, feathers, and other things. When the fire was discovered by a policeman detailed at the Eighth precinct, an alarm was sounded from box 238, and within a few moments several engine and truck companies were on the scene.
Before the firemen arrived the flames licked the sides of the stables behind the shop and before the doors could be broken open and the horses rescued, they were burned to a crisp.
J. J. Mooney's shed in the rear of 1105 S street also caught fire, and \$50 damage was done. A similar amount of damage was occasioned to the sheds back of premises 1103 and 1107 S street northwest. Seventy dollars' damage was done to the outhouses in the rear of 1111 S street, 1802 Eleventh street, occupied by William Bowle, and 1803 Eleventh street, occupied by Mrs. M. E. Worthen.

GOV. FERGUSON'S REPORT.

Governor Ferguson, of Oklahoma Territory, has submitted his annual report to Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, and the report has

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